

HOUSE RESOLUTION 294
By Pruitt

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Dr. John E. Maupin, Jr., as he assumes the presidency of Morehouse Medical College.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative Body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John E. Maupin, Jr., is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twelve years as President and Chief Executive Officer of Meharry Medical College; he was the first alumnus and the second dentist to lead the institution, which is devoted exclusively to health professions education and training in the fields of medicine, dentistry, biomedical research, and public health; and

WHEREAS, after helping to pull Meharry Medical College out of debt and raising \$127.5 million in a capital campaign, Dr Maupin will leave the country's largest private, historically black medical school on July 1 to take the President's job at Atlanta's Morehouse School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, John Maupin was born October 28, 1946, in Los Angeles; he earned a bachelor's degree at San Jose State College in California in 1968, a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Meharry Medical College in 1972, and a Master of Business Administration degree from Loyola College in Baltimore in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maupin was in private practice for a short time before entering the United States Army Dental Corps in 1974; after completing two years of active duty at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., he continued his military career in the Active Reserves, including eight months active duty service during Operation Desert Shield/Storm; a true patriot, Dr. Maupin retired from the military in 1997 with the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining Meharry, Dr. Maupin held several other senior administrative positions, including Executive Vice President of the Morehouse School of Medicine; Chief Executive Officer of Southside Healthcare, Inc., in Atlanta; and Deputy Commissioner of Health at the Baltimore City Health Department; and

WHEREAS, since Dr. Maupin assumed the presidency of Meharry in 1994, he has strengthened the academic programs, reshaped and recruited an excellent faculty, and erased a threatening financial deficit; he has also identified areas in which Meharry could excel in research and clinical study, and has, in fact, transformed Meharry into an attractive option for prospective medical students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maupin also completed the merger of Meharry's old teaching hospital, Hubbard, with Metro's public hospital, General; under the deal, the city hospital relocated to Hubbard's old building and became Meharry's main teaching hospital; and

WHEREAS, had it not been for the stewardship of Dr. John Maupin and the strong and successful partnerships he has forged with the leadership at General Hospital, Vanderbilt, and Nashville's business community, Meharry's future would be far less certain today; and

WHEREAS, in one sense, his acceptance of the Morehouse position represents a homecoming for him; although he is a graduate of Meharry, Dr. Maupin is returning to Morehouse, where he was executive vice president from 1989 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Maupin is an active and prominent representative of his profession, participating in the leadership of several national professional organizations, including the National Dental Association; National Committee on Foreign Medical Education Accreditation of the United States Department of Education; National Advisory Research Resources Council of the National Center for Research Resources, National Institutes of Health; National Advisory Dental Research Council of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health; and the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; as well as numerous state and local professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, actively engaged as a leader in civic affairs, Dr. Maupin is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee and the North Nashville Community Development Corporation; he is a member of the 100 Black Men of Middle

Tennessee, the Rotary Club of Nashville, and has served as Chairman and Board member of the United Way of Middle Tennessee; Vice Chairman of Education for the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; and Board member of the Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, among his numerous honors and awards, Dr. Maupin received an honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1995, from Morehouse School of Medicine, and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1996, from Virginia Union University in Richmond; he is a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honorary Society, and in 2005, the Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America honored him with its Silver Beaver Award for “distinguished service to youth”; the National Conference for Community and Justice – Nashville Region presented him with its 2005 Human Relations Award, and in 2003, he was named the American Diabetes Association of Middle Tennessee “Father of the Year”; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments notwithstanding, Dr. Maupin is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Eilene, and their three adult children and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maupin exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Maupin has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his community, colleagues, staff, and students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and commend Dr. John E. Maupin, Jr., for his many and significant contributions during his tenure at Meharry Medical College, and extend our heartfelt wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors at Morehouse School of Medicine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.